

# NEWS FROM SUFFOLK AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA

## AN EXPLOSION

### Two Large Steel Rollers Were Partially Wrecked.

Officers of the Suffolk Clay Company Say the Explosion Was a Mystery—Small Fire in a Planing Mill—New Organist From Norfolk.

Suffolk, Va., July 10.—There was to-day an explosion at the plant of the Suffolk Clay Company, whose engine mystifies employees and officers. Two large steel rollers, which are a part of the disintegrator, and which General Manager Jacobs says will weigh nearly a ton each, were partially wrecked. The noise could be heard considerable distance.

N. R. Withers, the company's secretary does not know why the wreck happened, but he has suggested that the disturbance was brought about by the explosion of powder in a bomb shell imbedded in the clay breastworks from which the raw material is taken.

**GENERAL PECK'S DEFENSE.**  
In 1893 General Peck was in possession of Suffolk, and he had a line of earth defense thrown up near Lake Kirby and not far from the suburb called Boston. Since the clay plant has been in operation numerous relics of the civil strife have been brought up from the embankment—lead bullets, pieces of shell and the like. That's what suggests to the mind of some people the idea that an unfired bomb may have been responsible for to-day's shaking up.

**DON'T MIND ROCKS.**  
The great rollers have crushed rocks as though they had been partridge eggs without suspending business a minute, and when the machine is paralyzed as it was to-day the paralysis cannot easily be accounted for. The noise was loud, but the theory cannot be verified, as no pieces of shell have been seen. The rollers revolved at the rate of 500 a minute.

The money lost by the explosion is perhaps not much over \$100. The plant has other ways of working clay, and operations were only suspended for a short time.

The machine may have been broken by bolts coming loose. That is the theory of those who do not believe about the bomb.

**FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED.**  
Fire broke out this afternoon in a planing mill of the Camp Manufacturing Company at Franklin, but was put out before serious damage was done. The company has an excellent system of their own for fighting blazes, and besides there is a high brick wall between the planing mill and the main lumber mill.

The blaze was discovered about 3 o'clock near one of the boilers. The alarm whistles were blown and for a time there was uneasiness among the citizens. The plant is one of the largest lumber places in Virginia, and is a source of much revenue to the town of Franklin.

The damage at to-day's fire was trifling.

**A NEW ORGANIST.**  
Mr. George Scott, of Norfolk, has been engaged as organist at the Main Street Methodist Church in place of Miss Casler, who is having a vacation. He is expected to report for duty about August 1.

**FREE STREET CONCERTS.**  
The people of Suffolk are to enjoy a series of free summer concerts in open air. Lumber was to-day placed for the erection of a band stand on Main street, between Washington and the City Hall. The expenses do not come from the treasury of Suffolk, but are to be met by popular subscription. Those who wish to contribute can see Mr. John B. Pinner, who is helping to engineer the scheme, or any member of the music committee.

The music will be made by the Phoenix Military Band, and it will be very apt to please. The stand will probably be completed this week.

It is proposed to have a concert every Thursday evening during warm weather.

**AND THE WATCH CAME BACK.**  
Last evening a young lady lost a gold watch on the street. A little ad. told the story in the Virginian-Pilot and the watch was restored to day. The time-piece was found near the river by one of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Whitley's children.

**UNSETTLED OYSTER CASES.**  
The cases of the alleged violators of oyster laws which have not already been settled will be called very soon unless they are fired out of court. Some weeks ago Oyster Inspector Williamson reported a considerable bunch of oystermen. Some of them agreed to a hearing and paid their fines when convicted. Others who declined are being waited on by officers, who will give them a chance to settle.

**DR. JONES COMING.**  
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Norfolk, will preach at the Christian Church next Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Stiles announced from the pulpit that he considered Dr. Jones the best preacher he ever heard.

**PERSONAL.**

Messrs. S. J. Best and C. L. Wilson, of Dunn, N. C., were in Suffolk to-day. The first ripe home-grown citron of the season was exhibited to-day. It was raised by Mr. Costen in Nansemond county.

Mr. H. H. Gary, of Franklin, was in Suffolk to-day.

Mrs. L. G. Costen is back from Norfolk, where she was treated in a hospital.

Misses Bessie and Maud Darden, of Elwood, are guests of Miss Julia Eley.

## NEWPORT NEWS.

**CHARGED WITH COUNTERFEITING—LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.**

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Newport News, Va., July 10.—William Richards, the Federal prisoner, who has been confined in the city jail with a charge of counterfeiting against him, will be tried to-morrow in the United States Court at Alexandria, with Judge Edmund Waddill presiding. Police Sergeant Reynolds and Officer Padgett will go to Alexandria as witnesses for the government.

Next Monday work will commence simultaneously on the different connecting lines for the Long Distance Telephone Company, of Virginia, which was recently organized to connect the independent phone lines and make one great system of them. At seven different points in the State operations will commence Monday morning.

**STORMY TIME EXPECTED.**

The next meeting of the new city council will probably not be a love-feast. It is likely that a discord will develop in the very beginning when the moment arrives to approve the minutes.

Both Captain G. W. Fitchett and Mr. C. Mitchell claim to have received enough votes to have elected them to the offices of city engineer and city attorney, respectively, and it is understood, the initiation of a contest on these two offices will take the form of an objection to the approval of the minutes.

If each of these gentlemen receive eight votes and there is a full meeting, the natural supposition is that eight men will vote to sustain the objection. Possibly the entire council may vote that way from a desire to see the matter thoroughly investigated.

## NEW LAWYERS.

**MANY YOUNG MEN PASS THE EXAMINATION.**

Wytheville, Va., July 10.—Just before the adjournment of the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday it was announced that the following law students had successfully passed the bar examination held on the 6th:

John S. Allen, James H. Baldwin, Geo. S. Bowman, J. A. Burdett, F. L. Bushong, F. W. Coleman, S. W. Coleman, A. D. Dabney, John R. Dillard, Charles M. East, Harry Caperton Elliott, W. M. Ellison, John C. Gilmer, James E. Gish, Wm. D. Gay, A. C. Goodie, Malcom Griffin, W. H. Griffith, Charles F. Harrison, J. D. Hewitt (colored), Allen D. Jones, L. F. Kerens, John P. Lee, Jos. C. Logan, N. G. Maloney, Wm. H. Martin, J. S. McIlwaine, W. W. Moore, A. C. Nelson, John W. Oast, T. J. O'Brien, Maurice A. Powers, G. C. Powell, W. C. Pulliam, J. P. Royal, R. A. Sheppard, H. H. Styles, E. S. Skyles, R. S. Spillman, A. H. Throckmorton, A. L. Toliver (colored), A. N. Wellford, H. A. Wilkey, R. L. Williams, Lawson Worrell.

## ONANCOCK.

**BURNED DISTRICT REBUILT—THE POTATO CROP.**

Onancock, Va., July 10.—The assessment of land in the county shows an increase of \$331,555.41. In the upper parish the average assessment, including buildings, per acre, is \$12.94. In the lower parish it is \$16.17.

The large brick storehouses that have been in course of erection in Onancock for several months are nearly ready for occupancy. They are really imposing, and would do credit to a much larger place. They have been erected on the district burned over last November.

The price of Irish potatoes has been very low the past week. A large part of the crop is yet to be shipped. Sweet potatoes look well, and promise an early crop.

## VIRGINIA TOBACCO.

**IT WON TWO PRIZES AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION.**

The exhibit of Virginia tobacco made at the Paris Exposition by Mr. E. K. Victor, of Richmond, won the first prize, a handsome gold medal.

The second prize was won by the Dillard Brothers, of Danville. It is a silver medal.

Mr. Victor's exhibit is large and complete, embracing forty or fifty kinds of tobacco raised in many counties of the Old Dominion. The medal will not be delivered to Messrs. Victor & Co. until the closing days of the great fair.

**Pan-American Exposition.**

The buildings of the Pan-American Exposition will be beautiful and imposing in the extreme. Among the most prominent are the Propylae that was recently illustrated in the Virginian-Pilot, the United States Government building, Ethnology building, Agriculture building, Manufacturers and Lateral Arts, the Stadium, and the Grand Electric Tower. These will all be illustrated in subsequent issues of the Virginian-Pilot.

**ETHNOLOGY BUILDING.**  
The Ethnology Building will be one of the most central in the extensive group now in process of construction for the great Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo next year. The site for this structure is at the east junction of the Court of the Fountains and the Grand Esplanade. It will be conspicuous from all parts of the grounds and its ornate character will entitle it to the place of honor to which it has been assigned.

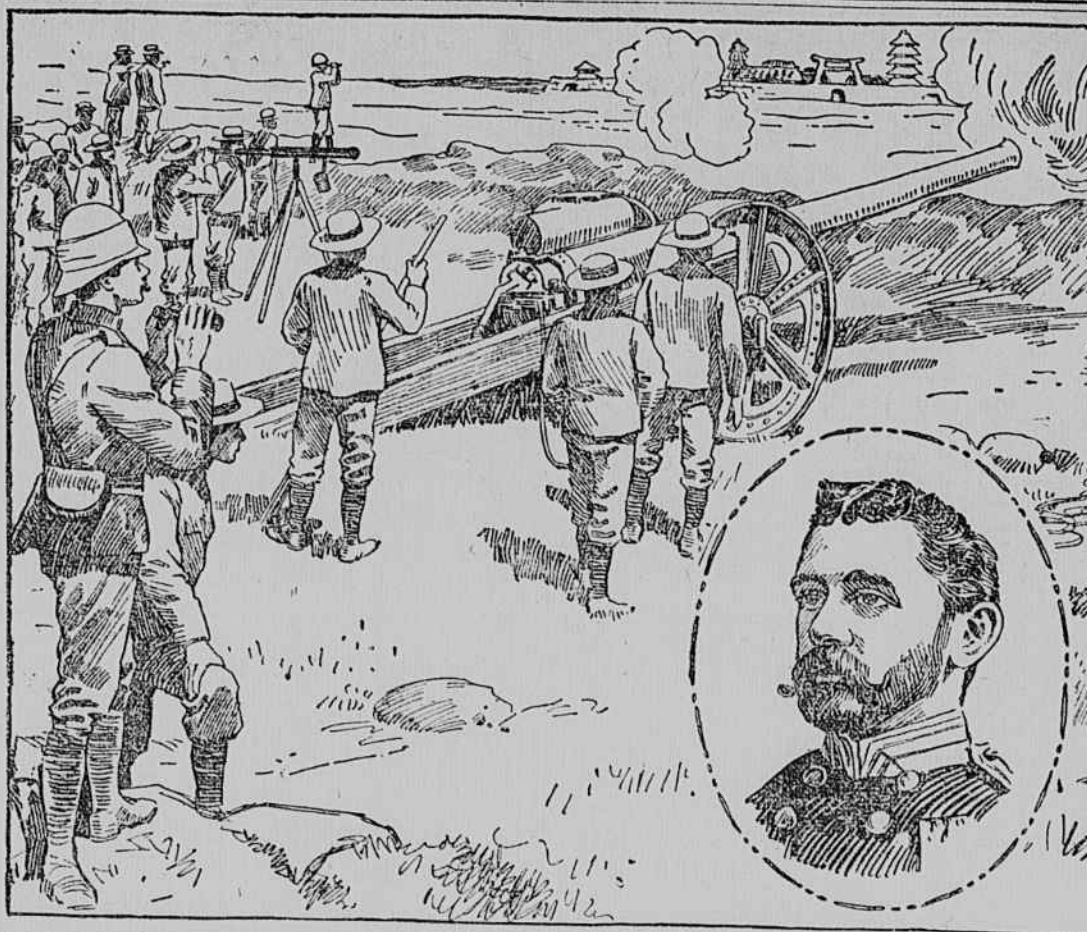
The building is circular in plan with four main entrances connected by a continuous colonnade. The colonnade is seven feet above the level of the Esplanade, forming a loggia from which commanding views of the grounds may be obtained. The loggia will be adorned with a depot or station house is held in State ex rel. Tompkins v. Chicago, St. P. M. & O. R. Co. (S. D.) 47 L. R. A. 562, to be conferred by a statute authorizing them to notify the company of improvements which they adjudge to be proper.

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**CAPTAIN PERCY SCOTT AND ONE OF THE NAVAL GUNS THAT ARE DOING EFFECTIVE WORK AGAINST THE CHINESE.**

Captain Percy Scott of the British warship Terrible saved Ladysmith by mounting his 4.7 naval guns on hastily improvised carriages and has been apparently instrumental in effecting the relief of Tien-tsin, in China. Just in the nick of time the Terrible reached Chifu, and a number of 4.7 guns, mounted on Captain Scott's ingenious carriage, were landed and did as effective work against the Chinese as against the Boers.

## HAMPTON

**A Gratifying Increase in the Assessment of Property.**

**Work of Ascertaining Taxable Values Completed—The Cooling Chapter in Sewer Improvements Attempted Arson—Called Elsewhere—Street Paving.**

Hampton, Va., July 10.—The work of ascertaining the taxable values in reality in Hampton and Elizabeth county has been completed by assessors Tennis and Jones and their excellent report shows an increase of \$45,616.21 over that of 1899. The assessors were very careful in placing the value on property and it is generally believed that this will prove the most satisfactory assessment ever made in the county.

The report shows that there are 28,563 2-10 acres in tracts of land, which have a taxable value of \$599,784.65. On these lands are buildings approximating \$7,178.26.

On lots located in Hampton, Phoebus and the county there are buildings which have a taxable value of \$1,127,314, while the value of these lots approximate \$1,252,462, making a total of \$2,379,776.61 worth of taxable realty in Hampton and the county.

In 1900 the assessment showed that at that time there was \$2,391,122.10 worth of taxable realty in the county, and thus it will be seen that the increase this year amounts to \$45,616.21 more than that of the previous year.

**THE CLOSING CHAPTER.**  
The closing chapter of the sewer work in Hampton was completed yesterday when Chairman J. C. Outten, of the street committee of the town council, turned over to Messrs. Guild & Co., the contractors, a check for the money which they earned in placing in the system. Every test possible was made and the sewer system met every requirement stipulated in the contract. In fact the work was much more satisfactory than had been anticipated by the street committee.

**ATTEMPTED ARSON.**  
Last night about 11:30 o'clock Jas. Green, situate in the northern part of the city. It was the second attempt on the part of Owlin to destroy Green's house, and this time the fire was well under way and would soon have been a mass of ruins but for prompt assistance arriving on the scene. In time, officers at once set to work for the vacant fellow and about 12:30 Officer Wotts came in with the man and put him safely behind the bars, on the charge of arson.

**CALLED ELSEWHERE.**  
Secretary B. Edward Finnegan of the Hampton Y. M. C. A., received a letter yesterday from the manager of Woolford football team of 1900 making a very flattering offer to him to come and coach his team two weeks during October. Woolford College is one of the leading institutions of learning in the South, situated at Spartanburg, S. C. Mr. Finnegan said that he had decided to go and that he would take his vacation at that time instead of the summer.

**STREET PAVING.**  
President P. Maloney, of the Washington Asphalt Block and Tile Company, arrived in Hampton yesterday morning and is hastening to perfect all arrangements in order that he can commence laying the streets at once. The progress with the paving has not been very rapid and this is all that is keeping him back. Mr. Maloney, it will be remembered, contracted for the whole job, but the curbing was subcontracted from him.

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